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(Lenexa, Kansas, April 11, 2019) – Both federal and state agencies are asking lowans to report any dangerous containers displaced by floodwaters in western lowa.

Recent flooding scattered tanks, drums, cylinders and barrels onto properties adjacent to the Missouri River and its Iowa tributaries. These items may contain hazardous materials such as propane and industrial chemicals and should only be handled by trained professionals.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been given a Federal Emergency Management Agency mission assignment to coordinate hazardous material recovery along the I-29 corridor in Iowa. EPA is working closely with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to identify and retrieve containers swept away by floodwaters in Iowa.

lowa residents are encouraged to report displaced ("orphaned") tanks, drums or other containers found in flood debris using the online form located on the <u>lowa DNR Disaster</u> Assistance web site.

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Learn more about EPA's emergency response program at:

www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/index.htm

Forms to report displaced containers are on the Iowa Disaster Assistance Page Iowadnr.gov/disaster

State of Iowa Recovery Resources floods2019.iowa.gov

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DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect lowans' health and the air where we live. DNR's permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers <u>public comments</u> before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft.

Fayette County Ashley Industrial Molding, Inc. – 951 Second Avenue SE, Oelwein. The application was submitted to operate their existing Plastics Products, NEC facility. The public comment period ends May 11.